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FURTHER ON LABOR SITUATION, STRIKE CONSEQUENCES

Committee of 25 Statement

PY301823 Buenos Aires NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS in Spanish 1750 GMT 30 Apr 79 PY

[Text] Buenos Aires, 30 Apr (NA)--The self-styled "Provisional National Committee of the 25" met here this morning at a union headquarters and drew up a statement regarding the first of May. The text of the document states:

"The Provisional National Committee of the 25, on the occasion of the first of May, addressed all workers in the organized labor movement, sending them a brotherly embrace and expressing recognition for their support and disciplined conduct on the day of national protest.

"We workers will once again be unable to celebrate our day due to reasons beyond our control that are of public knowledge. However, these adverse circumstances, far from discouraging us, should be an incentive to join our efforts for the achievement of our goals:

"First. The release of the detained labor leaders and comrades.

"Second. Opposition to the reform of the professional associations law.

"Third. Opposition to the reform of the social works law.

"Fourth. Repeal of the dismissals law [ley de prescindibilidad].

"Fifth. Normalization of unions and social projects.

"Sixth. Opposition to modifications in welfare, legal and conventional contributions.

"Seventh. Freedom for union activities and the repeal of restricting regulations.

"Eighth. Explanations in the cases of missing leaders.

"Ninth. Defense of the national economy, production and industry.

"Tenth. Correction of the tariff policy.

"Eleventh. Restoration of the salary's purchasing power and full validity of Law 14,250.

"Finally, we appreciate the support shown by almost all of the nation's sectors, as well as international support."

Union Leader Arrests

PY301618 Paris AFP in Spanish 1424 GMT 30 Apr 79 PY

[Excerpt] Buenos Aires, 30 Apr (AFP)--Union sources indicated here that nine more Argentine union leaders were arrested in the last 48 hours.

The source indicated that these nine must be added to the 12 union leaders arrested by the military government last week who were accused of organizing a national strike for last Friday, which had a partial repercussion on the labor class.

Last Saturday, spokesmen of the Mechanic Workers Union, which supported the strike, said that seven delegates of the internal committee of an auto industry outside Buenos Aires had been arrested. The same spokesmen also said that Antonio Nemor and Jose Solaiori, zone leaders of the union in the center-west and south of the country were also arrested.

The union leadership believes that the 27 April strike was obeyed by 70 percent in the so-called industrial belt of the greater Buenos Aires area, and that the strike passed almost unnoticed in the rest of the country.

More on Union Leaders

PY302023 Buenos Aires NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS in Spanish 1905 GMT 30 Apr 79 PY

[Text] Buenos Aires, 30 Apr (NA)--Federal Judge Norberto Angel Giletta today ordered the preventive custody [prision preventiva] of six union leaders of the Committee of 25 for violating Law No 21,400 when they called for a day of protest for last Friday, and also ordered a garnishment of 300,000 pesos on their assets.

The union leaders, who are under arrest at the disposal of the executive branch due to the state of siege, and who are now also under preventive custody, are: Roberto Garcia (Taxidrivers Union, Roberto Digon (tobacco industry workers), Juan Pascual Ravitti (railroad workers), Enrique Ramon Mico (garment industry workers), Demetrio Lorenzo (food workers), and Jose Luis Castillo (maritime pilots) [conductores navales].

Garcia, Digon and Ravitti are charged under the penal code for "publicly instigating serious measures of direct action" and cannot be released from jail, but the other three who face the same accusations but in a less serious form may be released on bail.

EXPANSION OF MALARGUE URANIUM CONCENTRATE PLANT

PY010310 Buenos Aires TELAM in Spanish 2140 GMT 30 Apr 79 PY

[Text] Buenos Aires, 30 Apr (TELAM)--The National Atomic Energy Commission reported that on 7 May it will put into operation the expanded section of its plant for producing uranium concentrate, located at Malargue, Mendoza Province. The processing capacity has been increased three times its previous capacity, amounting to a total of 250 tons a day. The mineral comes from the Tigre III mine located in the area of San Rafael, Mendoza Province.

New solid-liquid systems have also been installed, including a uranium recovery line that uses ionic interchangeable resines and a drying and packaging system. The sulphuric acid plant has also been expanded.

ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER PAYS OFFICIAL VISIT

PY272212 Buenos Aires LATIN in Spanish 2104 GMT 27 Apr 79 PY

[Text] Brasilia, 27 Apr (LATIN)--Italian Foreign Minister Arnaldo Forlani today exchanged views with his Brazilian colleague, Ramiro Saraiva Guerreiro, on the southern border dispute between Argentina and Chile. During a press conference today, Forlani explained that the issues discussed with Saraiva Guerreiro included the Latin American situation and the Argentine-Chilean controversy. However, he did not provide any details on the matter.

Forlani concluded his 2-day visit to this capital today, meeting with the president of Brazil, Gen Joao Baptista de Figueiredo, before leaving for Sao Paulo, where he will meet with private businessmen. He said that the meetings held with the Brazilian foreign minister pointed up the coinciding points of view between Italy and Brazil favoring an open policy that would permit continuing cooperation between the two peoples, as well as the feelings of peace inspiring both governments.

A joint communique issued this afternoon states that the two foreign ministers reviewed matters of international and bilateral interest, examined the world economic situation and expressed their concern over protectionist measures of every kind, especially those affecting developing nations.

Forlani told newsmen that the relationship between the European Economic Community and Brazil could improve and become stronger, considering that this nation is a country with great potential and could become a reference point for the European Common Market. However, with regard to protectionism, he said that one should recall a quote from the Bible which states: Let he who is without sin cast the first stone. He said that Italy is interested in seeing protectionist measures gradually dwindle away until they disappear, because that type of policy may benefit one single country immediately, but in the long run it ends up aggravating the entire world economic problem.

The talks between the two foreign ministers included issues such as the dangerous situation of some areas of the African Continent, and the Middle East problem, expressing their hope that the Camp David agreement would yield a global solution to the Arab-Israeli problem.

In the joint communique, the ministers expressed their support for the principles of mutual respect, nonintervention, the peaceful solution of disputes and respect for human rights as essential for strengthening peace, security and international cooperation. Forlani reported that he invited Saraiva Guerreiro to visit Italy as soon as possible to continue the plans of action now being implemented by the two nations. The Italian foreign minister will return to his country on Sunday.

STEELWORKERS, PHYSICIANS, TEACHERS END STRIKES

Niteroi, Sao Gonzalo Steelworkers

PA291910 Paris AFP in Spanish 1804 GMT 29 Apr 79 PA

[Excerpts] Niteroi, Brazil, 29 Apr (AFP)--The steelworkers of Niteroi and Sao Gonzalo have decided to end their strike tomorrow.

The strike, which started 14 days ago, has paralyzed the naval industry in the state of Rio de Janeiro, it was announced here today.

The announcement was made by the secretary general of the Naval Construction Companies Association, Serafin Fose Donato, who added that the agreement with the steelworkers union was signed yesterday at the regional office of the Brazilian Labor Ministry. The 15,000 striking steelworkers, who obtained a 69-percent wage increase, caused considerable losses to the Rio de Janeiro naval industry, according to the Fose Donato.

According to press reports, neither confirmed nor denied, the Brazilian Government is preparing to intervene against strike movements as of 1 May. The official reaction is based, according to the reports attributed to economic circles, on the need to prevent the paralyzation of labor activities because they affect the program started by the government this month to fight inflation.

Some of the measures to be announced, possibly on Wednesday, to contain the wave of strikes include the immediate intervention in those unions that call strikes, considered illegal by the government, and sanctions against their leaders.

According to press sources, the federal government believes that social agitation provoked by strikes favors the action of speculators and could be one of the causes for the 5.8-percent increase in inflation registered in March in Brazil.

Physicians, Teachers

PY010159 Rio de Janeiro JORNAL DO BRASIL in Portuguese 28 Apr 79 p 1 PY

[Excerpts] Rio de Janeiro State Governor Chagas Freitas and city Mayor Israel Klabin have met at the Guanabara Palace to sign the laws changing the salaries and job classifications of teachers and health-related professionals and regulating the work of resident physicians at hospitals.

Once the laws signed yesterday are implemented, resident physicians will earn 11,340 cruzeiros, the same salary earned by staff doctors. The strikes, however, will only be lifted at the assemblies to be held on Monday and Thursday of next week.

EXPERT FORESEES 5-YEAR DELAY FOR ANGRA-1

PY271402 Buenos Aires TELAM in Spanish 0423 GMT 27 Apr 79 PY

[Text] Rio de Janeiro, 27 Apr (TELAM-EFE)--Nuclear physicist Carlos Melo has asserted that the first Brazilian nuclear plant now under construction will experience a 5-year delay due to some changes that are being made in its infrastructure.

According to the report released in this city, Melo has said that the nuclear plant will begin operations only in 1987, and not in 1982 as scheduled in the original plan. He also revealed that the pouring of 40 new piles to strengthen the construction of the sandy soil of Angra dos Reis, located 100 km from Rio de Janeiro, will demand an additional investment of $4 million.

ARGENTINE GENDARMES OCCUPY CHILEAN RANCH, SEIZE CATTLE

PA290122 Madrid EFE in Spanish 0107 GMT 29 Apr 79 PA

[Text] Santiago, Chile, 28 Apr (EFE)--Argentine gendarmes invaded Chilean territory in the southern region, occupied an extensive holding, seized 306 head of cattle and arrested a Chilean cattleman, the Santiago press charged today. It was learned that the Foreign Ministry received a full report on the situation and will present a formal protest to the Argentine Government.

According to reports from the southern city of Punta Arenas, the paramilitary troops belong to the Argentine Army. They arrived at a 1,600-hectare ranch called Campos de Vega Mala in the Cerro Castillo sector of Ultima Esperanza. The property borders Argentina at Landmark 78.

It was said that the region located north of Puerto Natales has always been Chilean, but that in recent years the territory has been claimed by Argentina.

Withdrawal of Gendarmes

PA291631 Paris AFP in Spanish 1512 GMT 29 Apr 79 PA

[Text] Punta Arenas, Chile, 29 Apr (AFP)--It was reported here today that the 25 Argentine gendarmes who occupied part of the Chilean region of Cerro Castillo withdrew to their country last night. [Words indistinct], located 300 km north of Punta Arenas, the world's most southern city.

Government Response

PY301245 Santiago Chile Domestic Service in Spanish 1100 GMT 30 Apr 79 PY

[Excerpts] The Chilean Government has reported in a brief communique that the Foreign Ministry is gathering information on an incursion of Argentine gendarmes into Chilean territory near Puerto Natales. The Chilean Foreign Ministry is studying the details in order to submit a protest to the Argentine Government soon.

EXTREMISTS ATTACK RADIO MINERIA BROADCASTING STATION

PY301858 Santiago Chile Domestic Service in Spanish 1840 GMT 30 Apr 79 PY

[Text] Approximately one hour ago seven extremists attacked the broadcasting station of Radio Mineria. This report was released by the man in charge of the station, (?Gaston Vineaux). The extremists arrived at the site, located in the La Florida neighborhood, in a station wagon. After threatening the personnel who were in charge of the station, they gagged them and placed two bombs in the building. Later, they prevented the broadcasts. The station then went off the air. Nevertheless, (Vineaux) reported that broadcasts will be resumed very shortly. Police officers are now trying to find a solution to the problem.

CONGRESS REJECTS TRADE WITH SOCIALIST BLOC

PA010316 Bogota Cadena Radial Super in Spanish 0000 GMT 1 May 79 PA

[Text] Bogota--President Turbay's visit to the Soviet Union will have no importance since congress has rejected a bill that would have given the government the authority to negotiate with socialist countries. This will prevent the chief of state from signing any important trade agreement with that market.

President Turbay will not be able to complete important negotiations with the Soviet Union that had been under study. One of the most adversely affected sectors has been coffee. Had the bill been approved, coffee producers would have been able to sell 10,000 tons of coffee in addition to 40,000 tons of bananas to the Soviet Union. Coffee and banana exporters have not been able to find a market for their large surplus. Now President Turbay will visit the socialist countries without the tools necessary to make decisions on projects that Colombia had been discussing with the socialist bloc for years.

LABOR CENTRALS ISSUE STATEMENTS ON 1 MAY

PA302020 Bogota Radio Cadena Nacional in Spanish 1730 GMT 30 Apr 79 PA

[Excerpt] Bogota--The country's four great labor centrals today reaffirmed their decision to continue the struggle for the complete unity of the labor movement in Colombia and asked the government and the authorities to adopt a more vigorous action against speculation. In their respective messages on the occasion of the celebration of International Labor Day tomorrow, the Confederation of Workers of Colombia [CTC], the Union of Workers of Colombia [UTC], the General Labor Confederation and the Trade Union Confederation of Workers of Colombia condemned the convocation of courts of arbitration for the solution of labor-management conflicts and demanded a complete reorganization of the country's labor legislation. The CTC and the UTC reiterated their demands for the betterment of the standard of living of the workers and other interests.

USO ACCEPTS ECOPETROL INVITATION TO DIALOG

PA302041 Bogota Radio Cadena Nacional in Spanish 1730 GMT 30 Apr 79 PA

[Excerpt] Bogota--The Workers Labor Union [USO] today accepted the invitation of the presidency of the Colombian Petroleum Enterprise [ECOPETROL] to resume the dialog aimed at seeking agreements that will prevent a strike by ECOPETROL workers. It maintained, however, that the agreements must be based on the reinstatement of workers fired during the 1977 strike. USO president Jorge Santos told this newscast that if ECOPETROL does not yield to the union's demands, the strike will be carried out on the date and hour announced by the workers.

Postponement of Strike

PA301510 Bogota Cadena Radial Super in Spanish 1100 GMT 30 Apr 79 PA

[Text] Bogota--Jorge Santos, president of the Workers Labor Union [USO], unexpectedly announced this morning that he will not participate in the meeting convoked by the Colombian Petroleum Enterprise [ECOPETROL]. Santos said that he will meet this morning with Labor Vice Minister Luis Roberto Garcia Diaz-Granados before meeting with ECOPETROL President Alvaro Barrera Rueda. He also said that the strike at ECOPETROL will not start tomorrow, International Labor Day, noting that the date and hour for it will be kept secret until the dialog with the government is exhausted. The ECOPETROL president had announced the resumption of talks with the USO leader for early today in the "Grandes Reportajes" Program, but Jorge Santos said at the last minute that he will not attend the meeting called by the ECOPETROL executive.

FURTHER ON ROLDOS PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION VICTORY

Unofficial Election Figures

PA301457 Quito Voz de los Andes in Spanish 1230 GMT 30 Apr 79 PA

[Text] At 0145 today, the Electoral Information System of the National Secretariat of Public Information [SENDIP], installed in the National Palace, issued the unofficial results of the count of 1,432,115 votes. Of these votes, 891,000 were obtained by the Roldos-Hurtado ticket, equivalent to 62.22 percent; and 394,068 were obtained by the Duran-Icaza ticket, equivalent to 27.47 percent. There were 66,650 blank votes, equivalent to 4.24 percent, and 86,281 annulled votes, equivalent to 6.02 percent.

The figures on the legislative elections were processed at a much slower rate. With 15 percent of the votes counted, figures on the vote for national representatives were available for several provinces.

Yesterday, the Ecuadorean voters gave a surprise regarding the election of candidates as representatives. The elections showed the people's decision to support List 4 of the Concentration of Popular Forces, List 12 of the Democratic Left and List 6 of the Social Christian Party. The traditional parties were relegated to a secondary level, as was the case of the Conservative and Liberal parties, which in previous elections had obtained very high figures. Likewise, the Socialist Party obtained a very small number of votes from the national and provincial electors. The Revolutionary Nationalist Party, with its List 11, and the Democratic Institutionalist Coalition, with its List 8, also obtained a considerable number of votes. List 15 of the Popular Democratic Movement obtained noticeable support in comparison to the estimates of its possibilities before the elections.

Duran Acknowledgement of Defeat

PA301422 Buenos Aires LATIN in Spanish 0843 GMT 30 Apr 79 PA

[Text] Quito, 30 Apr (LATIN)--Defeated Conservative candidate Sixto Duran today accepted the result of yesterday's election, which confirmed populist lawyer Jaime Roldos as president-elect. Visibly resentful, Duran explained in a television interview that several circumstances led to his defeat. He also said that he was the victim of a campaign that distorted his image.

"I had to carry out my election campaign only in the last 3 months, when my candidacy was confirmed, while my adversary had much more time to tour the country," he said. Duran was referring to the official proclamation of the results of the first round of the presidential election held in July. Duran's participation in the final round had been in doubt because of the slight margin he obtained over the other candidates, while Roldos obtained a wide lead in first place.

Duran, a former mayor of Quito, also said that Roldos' Concentration of Popular Forces (CFP) was able to ally itself with the Christian Democrats, a party which was not officially recognized. "We had to act for the validity [vigencia] of each of our parties," he added, referring to the Conservatives, Socialists, Social Christians and Velasquists, which made up his Constitutionalist Front. The electoral law prohibited alliances for the legislative elections also held yesterday. It also demanded a minimum percentage of votes for the survival of parties.

Duran became annoyed when he was asked about the campaign that accused Roldos of being a Marxist that was promoted by his coalition.

"I can never accept from you or anyone else at any time" the charge that my sector attacked Roldos. "We are the ones who were attacked. I was the one who was shot at; I was the one against whom a desk from a second floor of a CFP office was hurled," Duran said, regarding confusing incidents that occurred during the election campaign.

Nevertheless, Duran made an offer of his "plan of government" so that Roldos can take the ideas he would like to apply during his presidency. He also said that it is a time for "national unity."

Further Duran Comments

PA301423 Madrid EFE in Spanish 0835 GMT 30 Apr 79 PA

[Excerpts] Quito, 30 Apr (EFE)--Social Christian Sixto Duran Ballen, who was defeated by populist Jaime Roldos in yesterday's presidential elections in Ecuador, has announced his withdrawal from active political life. In reply to a question, Duran Ballen said that he is not seeking to lead an opposition to Roldos' government. In any case, he stressed, this will depend on what that government does. He said that he will not be a candidate in future elections and announced that he will probably withdraw from active political life and will return to his profession as an urban architect.

Roldos Television Address

PA301427 Buenos Aires LATIN in Spanish 0622 GMT 30 Apr 79 PA

[Text] Guayaquil, Ecuador, 30 Apr (LATIN)--Jaime Roldos, the 38-year-old lawyer of the Concentration of Popular Forces [CFP], addressed the Ecuadorean people today in his capacity as president-elect. He promised a government of balance between social justice and economic development.

Roldos, who won by a landslide in yesterday's presidential election, expressed his respect for ideological pluralism by respecting the rightist and leftist trends.

In a televised speech aired at dawn today, the president-elect maintained that his government, which he will begin on 10 August, "will be truly democratic," replying to those who accused him of being a "Marxist" during the electoral campaign.

He indirectly criticized his running opponent Sixto Duran, an architect of the Conservative Party, by referring to those who wanted "to make hatred, arrogance and calumny prevail" during the political campaign.

"Here we are, not on behalf of hatred and social vengeance, but extending our hand to all Ecuadoreans," he added. "My government will respect the ideological pluralism of all men from the right to the left. I want to prove that values such as order and security can also exist in a democracy," he added.

Roldos said: "We are seeking a more humane, solidary and fair solution." He affirmed that he will keep his promise of "changes" in his government within the framework of democracy and national feeling. He said that he will keep his word to be "the president of the poor, because the time has come for them. I will not forget a single Ecuadorean, but I will especially focus on those who need me the most."

Referring to the citizens' wish for "national unity based on social justice," he said: "Your president has listened and he will follow through with it."

Roldos, who is a member of the CFP, obtained 62 percent of the votes cast in yesterday's election against 27 percent obtained by the Conservative candidate.

Hurtado Statement

PA301355 Quito Voz de los Andes in Spanish 1230 GMT 30 Apr 79 PA

[Text] Dr Osvaldo Hurtado Larrea, virtually elected vice president of Ecuador in yesterday's elections, has outlined some fundamental points of the future government's action in the next constitutional term under the mandate of Dr Jaime Roldos Aguilera.

The future president [as heard] of the republic, as president of the National Development Council, explained the new government's main priorities in the political, social and economic areas. He gave little importance to the role he will have as president of the body that will direct the economy and was created by the constitution that will go into force when the new rulers take office.

Hurtado was interviewed at the headquarters of his political organization, Popular Democracy, while awaiting the election results. He said that he received victory with complete calm because he knew beforehand the confidence that the people had placed in their best men.

Government Minister's Reaction

PA301454 Quito Domestic Service in Spanish 0443 GMT 30 Apr 79 PA

[Address to the nation by Government Minister Rear Adm Victor Hugo Garces Pozo--live]

[Text] Fellow countrymen: Today the Ecuadorean people have written a brilliant page in the republic's political history. Today's elections have been held in complete calm. They are a demonstration of the civic loftiness and preparation of the Ecuadorean people. They are also a confirmation of the fulfillment of the plan for juridical reorganization. They constitute a success of the Ecuadorean people who, with their mass turnout at the polls, have given absolute support to the fulfillment of [words indistinct].

The national government has spared no effort to overcome obstacles and to reach this moment, which is one of the final stages of the juridical reorganization plan. It has conducted this process in a completely independent fashion maintaining, as usual, the loftiness and rectitude that have characterized all of its actions.

The juridical reorganization plan and today's elections have been achieved under the calm, impartial and patriotic guarantee of the fatherland's armed forces. This is precisely the guarantee required for the plan to be completed on 10 August.

May the elections that have been held today by the Ecuadorean people be the beginning of a democratic life born on solid bases and may they [as heard] join the efforts of all of the country's sectors, of all Ecuadoreans, so that all of us may maintain forever the democracy that has always characterized the Ecuadorean people.

In closing, I wish to congratulate all of the country's communications media, which have made an unprecedented effort (?to fulfill) their information task, because the people are entitled to be informed minute by minute of all that happens in the country. My congratulations also go to the persons who made up the vote reception boards at the various polling places in all of the country's parishes.

With selflessness and sacrifice, they organized and carried out the vote tally throughout the day with a praiseworthy straightforwardness that is, I am sure, the envy of all democratic countries in the world. Thank you very much.

More on Official Reaction

PA301351 Quito Voz de los Andes in Spanish 1230 GMT 30 Apr 79 PA

[Excerpts] Adm Alfredo Poveda Burbano, president of the Supreme Council of Government, last night reiterated the Ecuadorean Armed Forces' decision to turn over power to civilians on 10 August. In a statement to a Colombian television station newscast, Poveda Burbano expressed the irrevocable desire of turning over power on 10 August to the candidate who is elected by a majority.

In brief statements while they exercised their right to vote yesterday, the foreign and defense ministers reiterated that the government has kept its word regarding the legal reorganization plan. Meanwhile, the cardinal and archbishop of Quito yesterday expressed desires that the elections will bring peace, fraternity and freedom to the Ecuadoreans.

On voting in the [name indistinct] school, Defense Minister Gen Andres Arrata said that this day forecasts success for the country, adding that we should be happy because the results of this election are going to lead the country on paths of development, peace and brotherhood. We have reached this day because we have fully confirmed the desire to turn over power, General Arrata said.

On voting in the [word indistinct] district, Foreign Minister Jose Ayala Lasso said that he saw in the elections a deep enthusiasm and civic spirit among the people. He said that moments of hope are near for the Ecuadoreans. He stressed that the controversial legal reorganization plan is being fulfilled. All the doubts about the plan are being proven groundless, he added.

HAYA ISSUES LABOR DAY MESSAGE; HEALTH RUMORS CONTINUE

PA010416 Madrid EFE in Spanish 0244 GMT 1 May 79 PA

[Text] Lima, 30 Apr (EFE)--Victor Raul Haya de la Torre, president of Peru's Constituent Assembly, today issued a message on the occasion of International Labor Day, while rumors describing his health condition as "serious" circulate. Aside from his almost certain lung cancer, the eightyish Aprist Party (PAP) leader is reportedly afflicted with a renal infection, weakness in the legs and aphasia, which prevents him from speaking.

Haya's optimistic greeting to all Peruvian workers calls the assembly's approval of the new constitution's chapter on labor, which establishes "fundamental achievements" for the labor class, an "historic achievement." In his message, the politician recalls "the martyrs who with their heroic and humble lives strengthened the bases for a better world in which "man's exploitation by man or by the state" will be brought to an end.

Nonetheless, PAP leaders are remaining silent regarding Haya de la Torre's ailments. This has been harshly criticized by several publications, which state that Haya's health "is of national interest" and "creates unrest among the public." Top PAP leaders insist that Haya de la Torre's health "continues to improve" and that he will soon return to his activities as president of the assembly and head of his centrist majority party.

The national PAP congress, which was to have been held on 5 May, and in which the presidential candidate for the next election was to have been officially nominated, was indefinitely postponed on Friday. It was announced then that the event had been "postponed" so that Haya could actively participate. Nevertheless, this morning PAP called a news conference to announce "the reasons"--probably the real ones--for the suspension of its 12th congress, but then it unexpectedly canceled the event.

The rightwing biweekly OPINION LIBRE affirms today that "the worst may happen any moment" to the aging leader, but that his party's leadership is concealing the truth in order "not to disturb the membership."

PAP won the elections for the Constituent Assembly with a 37-percent majority of the valid votes, of which 85 percent were for Haya.

Quoting a high-ranking PAP leader, who asked not to be identified, OPINION LIBRE discusses the ailments affecting the "continental leader," who reportedly has also lost 15 kg in less than 1 month and is almost unable to speak.

GOVERNMENT AUTHORIZES REOPENING OF TWO MORE MAGAZINES

PA010055 Paris AFP in Spanish 2307 GMT 30 Apr 79 PA

[Text] Lima, 30 Apr (AFP)--The Peruvian Interior Ministry today authorized the reopening of ABC (pro-APRA [American Revolutionary Popular Alliance]) and AMAUTA (extreme leftist) magazines. This is in addition to EL TIEMPO (conservative) and UNIDAD (Communist).

Six of the 10 publications suspended by the government in January and February on charges of promoting a subversive strike or injuring the national sovereignty are still waiting for authorization to reopen. UNIDAD and EL TIEMPO received authorization to reopen last Tuesday, but Alfonso Baella, director of EL TIEMPO, has said that his weekly will be published when "the government fulfills its commitment to reopen all magazines."

PRD OFFICIAL WARNS AGAINST TREATY NONFULFILLMENT

PA010358 Panama City ACAN in Spanish 2111 GMT 30 Apr 79 PA

[Text] Panama City, 30 Apr (ACAN-EFE)--The Panamanians will enter the Zone by force and will go beyond the application of the Torrijos-Carter Canal treaties if the United States does not fulfill the treaties, a prominent official of the government party warned here today. Ascanio Villalaz, deputy under secretary of the Democratic Revolutionary Party (PRD), said that Panamanians will not tolerate complementary U.S. laws to the treaties which violate the spirit and letter of what was agreed. And no matter what happens, Villalaz added, the Panamanians will enter the Zone on 1 October.

The under secretary of the government party reiterated his support for the position stated by President Aristides Royo in a letter sent from Madrid to his counterpart, Jimmy Carter. The note was delivered to Terence Todman, the U.S. ambassador in Spain, and it warned Washington that Panama will not tolerate alterations of the treaties.

Villalaz insisted that, if the Panamanians are obliged to enter by force the territory administered up until now by the United States, they are not going to apply the Torrijos-Carter treaties, "but rather a little more."

One year ago, shortly after the Senate ratified the treaties in Washington, the then Chief of Government Gen Omar Torrijos announced that the Panamanian National Guard was ready to "blow up the canal" in the event a peaceful settlement was not reached with the United States. "That is the same attitude which exists in our people, in our government and in the National Guard today," Villalaz stated.

He added: "The United States must realize that, just as this country was able to adopt and implement all that, to some extent, was demanded by them, we will not tolerate any alteration of the agreed texts."

Asked who opposed the treaties, Villalaz replied that, on the one hand, there are "the most capitulating sectors of the country, such as former President Arnulfo Arias," and, on the other hand, there are "the most reactionary members of the U.S. House of Representatives." According to the PRD under secretary, the battle against the treaties is part of a "destabilization" strategy directed against the Panamanian Government.

He said in conclusion there is a great contradiction in the Carter administration. While it is indifferent to repressive governments as that of Nicaragua, it is not fulfilling treaties with a country like Panana, which, according to Villalaz, is engaged in a democratic process.

FOREIGN DEBT SEEN AS SMALL PRICE TO PAY

PA010345 Panama City CRITICA in Spanish 30 Apr 79 p 31 PA

["Destellos" column by Maginiano Trugri: "The People Rule"]

[Excerpts] President Royo's statements in Spain show the world that Panama is certain of its own destiny. From the Hispanic summit, President Aristides Royo delivered his message of continental solidarity with firmness and patriotic dignity. The potential of the isthmus offers a prospect of such exceptional and complete growth that the world's great economists, the King of Spain and presidents of many other nations have described the isthmus of Panama as the most important crossroad of international trade in Latin America.

Panama is experiencing its most brilliant and glorious era. [Payment of] the foreign debt is guaranteed by the development plan which includes the recovery of America's greatest natural resource--transisthmian commerce. Panama's geographical position has been and will continue to be a source of inexhaustible wealth through the centuries.

If the public debt is the cost of liberation, it is insignificant when compared with the immense benefits that have been attained through Omar Torrijos Herrera's political, patriotic and revolutionary efforts.

Many countries spend more than twice Panama's public debt in fighting wars and guerrilla threats, without the consolation of averting or eliminating the threat. The lengthy struggle to have the 1903 Canal Treaty abolished has cost the lives of many martyrs sacrifieed during patriotic efforts. The thousands of citizens sacrificed in the violence of petty politics for more than 60 years caused the nation to sacrifice values equal to more than 5 times the public debt, while leaving no benefits other than pain and death for the Panamanian fatherland.

The revolutionary government, without wars or guerrilla campaigns, has led the fatherland to recover its sovereign rights in the Canal Zone and to gain international prestige as a permanent seat of peace, justice and liberty. The North Americans are now our friends and allies and are jointly responsible for preserving international peace and prosperity.

LABOR, CANAL ISSUES HIGHLIGHT 1 MAY RALLY

PA302117 Panama City Domestic Service in Spanish 1730 GMT 30 Apr 79 PA

[Text] Panamanian workers will commemorate International Labor Day tomorrow with several activities. Slogans on vigilance in connection with Panama's entry into the Canal Zone on 1 October and the derogation of Law No 95 will characterize the traditional rally of Panamanian workers.

The National Central of Panamanian Workers has issued a communique urging the working class to participate. The communique also expresses repudiation of the oligarchic and destabilizing campaign being carried out through merciless speculation with the prices of staples.

Invitation of Workers

PA302118 [Editorial Report PA] Panama City MATUTINO in Spanish on 30 April on page 10-B carries a communique denouncing "criminal maneuvers" against the Panamanian people and alarmingly high prices of staples such as meat. The Isthmian Workers Central questions the government's authority to stop this abuse. It notes that it is imperative for all workers to be alert to any underhanded deals that may be working to the detriment of the people's interests. Finally, the central invites all Panamanian workers to be at Plaza Porras on 1 May at 0800 to continue their struggle in defense of their rights.

Panama City Domestic Service in Spanish at 1730 GMT on 30 April adds that Enrique Jaen, of the National Central of Panamanian Workers, has said that the high price of meat and other problems will be aired at the 1 May rally at Plaza Porras. From there, the crowd will march to the 5 May Plaza where three representatives from three large labor unions and Labor Minister Oyden Ortega will speak.

GOVERNMENT AND JUSTICE MINISTER MEETS BUSINESSMEN

PA302027 Panama City Circuito RPC Television in Spanish 1800 GMT 30 Apr 79 PA

[Text] Government and Justice Minister Adolfo Ahumada this morning met with representatives of the various organizations that make up Panamanian private enterprise. The delegates, headed by Jaime Correa, Carlos Hoffman, Kaiser Bazan and Alfonso Herrera y Franco, delivered a resolution to Minister Ahumada deploring the recent vandalistic actions of students against the Chamber of Commerce, the Panamanian Business Executives Association and the Marine Midland Bank and urging the adoption of measures to stop these student incidents. Minister Ahumada confirmed having knowledge of the students' protest and pointed out that it was a climax of recent unpopular measures. He added, however, that the government had already taken the necessary action to stop further student demonstrations.

ANTI-SOMOZA GROUP DEMONSTRATES IN FRONT OF U.S. EMBASSY

PA302102 Panama City ACAN in Spanish 2000 GMT 30 Apr 79 PA

[Text] Panama City, 30 Apr (ACAN-EFE)--Representatives of Latin American committees of solidarity with Nicaragua staged a demonstration today in front of the U.S. Embassy and delivered a letter protesting U.S. aid to Gen Anastasio Somoza. After noting that Jimmy Carter became U.S. President with the promise to enforce respect for human rights, the signatories, numbering some 200, state that in Nicaragua "genocide continues to be perpetrated with U.S. complicity."

The anti-Somoza group, headed by Panamanian writer Rogelio Sinan, protested over "Operation Black Fury II," which is currently being staged by U.S. troops in the area. "The letter to Ambassador Ambler Moss says, "Numerous armed contingents and war materiel are being mobilized under the pretext of defending the Panama Canal. The real purpose of this operation is to support aggression against the Nicaraguan people."

"In addition," the letter states, "another operation has been launched. It consists of an air bridge established by the Southern Command (of the U.S. Army) between the Canal Zone and the Port of Lempira in Honduras (on the border with Nicaragua), allegedly to provide humanitarian assistance to Honduran brothers." According to the signatories, these actions constitute not only a new attempt at intervention, but also "a violation of the recently ratified Torrijos-Carter Treaty of 1977 which proscribes the use of the Panama Canal Zone as a base for aggression against other peoples."

Finally, the letter emphasizes the "presence of U.S. military troops who are fighting as well as leading and advising the Nicaraguan Army on the various battlefronts." The demonstrators were unable to deliver the letter to Ambassador Moss personally, since he was not in his office when they arrived. Embassy officials received the letter on the ambassador's behalf.

BRIEFS

RELATIONS WITH SURINAM--The Panamanian Foreign Ministry announced today that Surinam and Panama have decided to establish diplomatic relations starting 1 May 1979 under the principles and purposes of the UN and OAS charters. A Foreign Ministry communique said that both governments will subsequently decide the manner of accrediting their respective ambassadors. The countries have agreed that their respective embassies in the United States will serve as liaison missions between the two governments. [Panama City Televisora Nacional in Spanish 2315 GMT 30 Apr 79 PA]

EL SALVADOR

ARMED CLASH IN SAN MIGUEL LEAVES 1 DEAD, 3 WOUNDED

PA302112 Panama City ACAN in Spanish 1809 GMT 30 Apr 79 PA

[Text] San Salvador, 30 Apr (ACAN-EFE)--Police reported today that an armed clash occurred the night of 28 April in San Miguel, 138 km east of San Salvador, leaving 1 unidentified person dead and 3 policemen wounded. Municipal policemen patrolling the outskirts of San Miguel, the country's third largest city, ordered six unidentified persons painting leftist slogans on walls of houses and buildings to stop but they replied with gunfire.

During the past few days, extreme leftist groups have been undertaking propaganda activities throughout the country to commemorate International Labor Day on 1 May. Clashes have occurred between activists and members of various Salvadoran security bodies.

FPL GUNS DOWN FORMER PATROL COMMANDER

PA010031 Panama City ACAN in Spanish 1753 GMT 30 Apr 79 PA

[Text] San Salvador, 30 Apr (ACAN-EFE)--It was learned today that a former military patrol commander of El Jocote Canton, in the San Matias area northwest of San Salvador, was gunned down as he arrived in the city of Quezaltepeque.

The victim is Esteban Guillen Escalante, who was commander of the military patrol until a few days ago. The assailants killed Guillen Escalante as he got off a bus in Quezaltepeque on Saturday night. The killers left leaflets prepared by the Farabundo Marti Popular Liberation Forces (FPL) at the scene of the crime. The leaflets explained that Guillen Escalante was killed because of his actions while he was patrol commander.

GUATEMALA

GUERRILLA GROUP OCCUPIES PLANTATION TO MARK 1 MAY

PA302114 Panama City ACAN in Spanish 1805 GMT 30 Apr 79 PA

[Text] Guatemala City, 30 Apr (ACAN-EFE)--The clandestine Poor People's Guerrilla Army (EGP) reported today that it had occupied the Caoba plantation in Tiquisate, Escuintla, "to celebrate workers day." In a press communique sent to newspapers, the EGP indicated that it had damaged 12 tractors and held a propaganda meeting for 250 workers in the plantation.

Guatemalan police reported that they are staging an operation in Escuintla Department, south of Guatemala City, in pursuit of some 20 guerrillas who carried out incursions into plantations in Tiquisate.

Other Guerrilla Activities

PA302115 Paris AFP in Spanish 1913 GMT 30 Apr 79 PA

[Text] Guatemala City, 30 Apr (AFP)--It was learned here today that members of the extreme leftist People's Guerrilla Army this morning seized the town of San Miguel Uspantlan, 250 km northwest of Guatemala City, holding it for a few hours. The number of guerrillas was estimated at 150.

One group cut telegraph and telephone lines while another group disarmed two policemen. The guerrillas stole arms, ammunition and six uniforms at the police substation.

The guerrillas, who held the town from 0700 to 1130 today, held a meeting during which they shouted slogans against the government, the army and large property owners in the region. The EGP guerrillas are active in the interior of Guatemala. They assaulted a farm on the southern coast on Friday and burned 10 [as received] tractors, it was reported here.

NICARAGUA

HEAVY FIGHTING REPORTED IN LEON

PA301500 Buenos Aires LATIN in Spanish 1440 GMT 30 Apr 79 PA

[Text] Managua, 30 Apr (LATIN)--Inhabitants of Leon, 90 km from Managua, reported by telephone today that there was heavy fighting underway in that city between the National Guard and the Sandinist National Liberation Front. According to the reports, the fighting began in downtown Leon yesterday. Radio stations were receiving desperate calls from the population today urging the National Guard not to bomb the city.

Ambush of Two Soldiers

PA301537 San Jose Radio Reloj in Spanish 1100 GMT 30 Apr 79 PA

[Text] Managua--At least two soldiers were killed and a civilian seriously wounded in another ambush by presumed Sandinist guerrillas in Leon, according to military sources. According to the sources, the ambush took place just past midnight in the Coyolar sector of that city, located 90 km west of Managua.

A civilian, identified only as an employee of the Leon mayor's office, was also attacked and seriously wounded. Military patrols have been intensified in Leon, shaken by violence in the past 3 weeks and where, at midnight Friday, four soldiers were killed and four others wounded in another ambush.

Col Aquiles Aranda, chief of the Legal and Public Relations Office of the National Guard, confirmed the death of the soldiers in Leon but limited himself to adding that military patrols are in pursuit of the Sandinist rebels.

Bombing in Leon

PA301623 Paris AFP in Spanish 1542 GMT 30 Apr 79 PA

[Excerpts] Managua, 30 Apr (AFP)--It was learned here today that the city of Leon, 90 km west of Managua, was bombed and isolated from the rest of the country when the army decided to prevent the arrival of vehicles and persons. The troops were urgently moved today to the sector where the armed struggle is taking place. The population is alarmed because the city's communications and electric installations were heavily damaged.

Later on in the morning, the air force bombed a sector in Leon while the fighting spread between the army and Sandinist guerrillas. A military plane dropped bombs on rebel positions in the suburb of San Juan, to the north of the city. Several witnesses who arrived in Managua affirmed that they saw a military plane drop its bombs on places occupied by Sandinist guerrillas.

While the fighting spread, several civilians looted nearby stores for food and took refuge in their homes. The city's commander, Gen Gonzalo Evertz, ordered the Red Cross in Leon to evacuate its installations, which are located near the army headquarters in the southern part of the city, apparently in expectation of a Sandinist attack against the military installations.

13 Dead, 30 Wounded

PA010112 San Jose Radio Reloj in Spanish 0000 GMT 1 May 79 PA

[Text] Managua--Shortly after noon today fighting between the army and insurgents in the western city of Leon ceased. It was learned unofficially that 13 persons were killed and 30 wounded. The fighting broke out with great intensity on Sunday afternoon, came to a halt at dusk and resumed this morning for 6 hours. The exchange of fire of various calibers occurred this morning in populated sectors such as San Felipe, Saragosa, El Coyolar, San Juan and San Carlos.

Withdrawal of Sandinists

PA301807 Paris AFP in English 1713 GMT 30 Apr 79 PA

[Text] Managua, 30 Apr (AFP)--A Sandinist force estimated at 150 men began to abandon its positions and to withdraw from the city of Leon at about noon today after 24 hours of fighting against the army. The Sandinists withdrew to the west of the city, covered by groups of snipers who checked the advance of the army in the sector known as Ermita de Dolores.

Meanwhile, in another part of the city, a jet fired rockets on a funeral procession in the San Felipe District, west of the city, killing 6 persons and wounding at least 20. The pilot apparently confused the funeral of one of the victims of the fighting with a concentration of guerrillas and opened fire.

The clandestine station Radio Sandino, voice of the Sandinist Front, said the guerrillas had launched the offensive to gain control of several sectors of the city of Leon, after which they are retreating having fulfilled their objective. The radio station did not give details of the military plan used in the attack on the second most important city of the country, which has 60,000 inhabitants and is located 90 km west of Managua. The Sandinist radio station went off the air, saying it had technical problems, but promised to return to the air. Apparently, the station was operating in the vicinity of Leon.

Meanwhile, military planes bombed several sectors of the city where the Sandinists were fighting the army. Pedro Bustillo, president of the Red Cross in Leon, described the situation as "something dreadful" and asked for plasma for the wounded and food for the refugees. The Managua Red Cross said it could not lend any assistance, claiming that the army had cut off its access to the city, where fierce fighting continued up to this morning.

Leon Returning to Normal

PA010335 Panama City ACAN in Spanish 0106 GMT 1 May 79 PA

[Excerpt] Leon, Nicaragua, 30 Apr (ACAN-EFE)--Gen Gonzalo Evertz, commander of the Leon military district, tonight appealed to the population to cooperate "for a prompt return to normality in the city." General Evertz told the people of Leon that his command "has ordered the capture of individuals who murdered civilians and soldiers."

Leon, located 90 km west of Managua, has for more than 24 hours been the scene of heavy fighting between Sandinist National Liberation Front insurgents and National Guard troops loyal to President Gen Anastasio Somoza Debayle. General Evertz said that it was necessary for the people of Leon to cooperate in the capture and to "promptly reestablish peace." The clashes have unofficially left at least 13 dead and more than 20 wounded. After noon today the arms of the Sandinists and the soldiers fell silent. But there was fear that hostilities would resume in the next few hours. Nevertheless, General Evertz said that the situation was already under army control and that the next thing was to apprehend the insurgents.

In Managua, Col Aquiles Aranda Escobar, chief of army information, explained press reports of bombers over Leon. Colonel Aranda said that it is not true that Leon was bombed as part of the military action against the Sandinists. He said that "unfortunately an incident occurred while one of the planes was banking." He affirmed that a "rocket came loose" and hit a house in which one woman was killed. He explained that the plane was pursuing a group of rebels near the Leon garrison "when the accident occurred."

The military spokesman said that this afternoon the civilian population was coming out of their houses to go shopping.

OPPOSITION FEARS ARRESTS OF POLITICAL LEADERS

PA010121 Paris AFP in French 0037 GMT 1 May 79 PA

[Excerpt] Managua, 30 Apr (AFP)--Sources close to the opposition have indicated that there are fears that the Nicaraguan Government, which today arrested two opposition leaders, is embarking upon a wave of such arrests.

Rafael Cordoba Rivas, an important leader of the Broad Opposition Front (FAO), was arrested by the National Guard on Monday afternoon. Some hours earlier, the guard had also arrested Alfonso Robelo Callejas, another FAO leader. The two leaders had represented the FAO during talks last year among the opposition, the government party and an international delegation to achieve a political solution to Nicaragua's violent situation.

The arrest of the political leaders came at a time when rumors are circulating here that there will be disturbances tomorrow during the 1 May celebrations. The General Labor Confederation, a union created by the government, has planned a public rally to be held tomorrow in Managua's main plaza. President Anastasio Somoza is scheduled to speak at the event. The government has forbidden any other labor rally. Despite the prohibition, opposition labor groups have announced that they will celebrate International Labor Day anyway in Managua and other cities.

SANDINISTS CALL 1 MAY DECISIVE STEP IN STRUGGLE

PA010227 [Clandestine] Radio Sandino in Spanish to Nicaragua 2230 GMT 30 Apr 79 PA

[Excerpts] One May is celebrated worldwide as the day dedicated to all workers. This occasion offers an opportunity to show the strength of the worker class in repudiating the Somozist tyranny. Truly patriotic organizations have the unshirkable duty to make this 1 May the beginning of the decisive phase of the struggle against the tyrant Anastasio Somoza. The Somozist dictatorship is in no position to withstand such a blow from all the people. No matter how much aid it receives from imperialism, the Somozist dictatorship cannot prevent its fall. When the people decide to take this decisive step, no force can stop them. The Somozist dictatorship is currently experiencing the worst crisis in the history of its crimes, thefts and torture. It has been the struggle of all our heroic people that has mired the tyrant in the swamp from which he cannot emerge.

MALMIERCA ENDS AUSTRIA VISIT, LEAVES FOR FINLAND VIA USSR

Austria Press Conference

For Austrian reportage on the press conference given by Foreign Minister Malmierca during his visit to Vienna, see the Austria section of the 30 April Western Europe DAILY REPORT.

Moscow Arrival

FL301014 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1000 GMT 30 Apr 79 FL

[Text] Cuban Foreign Minister Isidoro Malmierca Peoli arrived Sunday at Moscow's Sheremetevo Airport from Czechoslovakia. The Cuban minister and his delegation earlier spent 4 days in Austria at the invitation of his counterpart Willibald Pahr. In Czechoslovakia, Malmierca held talks with President Gustav Husak and Foreign Minister Bohuslav Chnoupek. Malmierca will go from Moscow to Finland for a visit from 2 to 7 May at the invitation of Foreign Minister Paavo Vayrynen.

MUNICIPAL PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENT ASSEMBLY DELEGATES INSTALLED

FL301021 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1000 GMT 30 Apr 79 FL

[Text] Municipal People's Government Assemblies have been established at the country's 169 municipalities. These assemblies are the maximum state government representation at this level. Following the oath of office, the delegates elected the members of Executive Committees by direct and secret vote. Provincial delegates were also elected at these assemblies for the Provincial People's Government Assemblies, which will be installed on 6 May.

According to the Constitution of the republic, municipal and provincial delegates have a term of office of 2 and 1/2 years.

Members of the PCC Politburo and Central Committee and provincial party first secretaries attended the installation of the 169 municipal assemblies. They included [Politburo members] Ramiro Valdes in Artemisa, Armando Hart in Santiago de Cuba, Blas Roca in Matanzas, Arnaldo Milian in Santa Clara and Pedro Miret in Camaguey.

In this way, the second term of office begins for the Municipal People's Government Assemblies, which have been strengthened by new delegates freely and democratically elected by the people for a term of 2 and 1/2 years.

L.A., CARIBBEAN SUGAR CONFERENCE ENDS IN HAVANA

FL010101 Havana Domestic Television Service in Spanish 0000 GMT 1 May 79 FL

[Text] The conference of Latin American and Caribbean sugar industry workers and peasants concluded this afternoon with the unanimous approval of the final resolution and the establishment of a coordinating group formed by representatives from Colombia, Venezuela, Trinidad and Tobago, Panama, Ecuador and Cuba, which will be responsible for coordinating and supervising the fulfillment of the agreements and the final resolution itself.

Presiding over the closing session were Central Organization of Cuban Workers [CTC] Secretary General Roberto Veiga, National Association of Small Farmers President Jose Ramirez Cruz and Ursinio Rojas, secretary general of the International Food Industry Trade Union, all members of the PCC Central Committee.

The closing remarks were made by CTC Second Secretary Agapito Figueroa. [begin recording] Convinced that we will march forward in the fulfillment of our agreements and tasks and loyal to our feelings and hopes for a successful result, allow me to reiterate the decision of the Cuban trade union movement and Cuban peasants to fully fulfill the guidelines and agreements reached by us in this conference of the workers of the sugar industry and agriculture. Let me assure you that Cuba, Marti's and Fidel's Cuba, will not fail you. [end recording]

INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR ENERGY USE SEMINAR OPENS

FL281347 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1100 GMT 28 Apr 79 FL

[Text] An international course of study on the use of nuclear energy in animal research work and breeding will begin today at the National Animal Health Center, located in San Jose de las Lajas, with the participation of distinguished specialists from several countries, according to an announcement made by the center's director, Dr Rosa Elena Simeon. Participating in this seminar, the first of its kind to be held in our country, will be specialists from Angola, Iraq, Thailand, Sudan, Syria, Indonesia, Tanzania, Turkey, Sri Lanka, Zambia, Yugoslavia, Costa Rica, Morocco, Poland, Ecuador, Egypt, Malaysia and Cuba.

With their participation in this course of study, which will last until 18 May, the Cuban scientists will be afforded the opportunity of learning about the most modern technology used in research work and application of nuclear energy in animal breeding in lectures by distinguished professors in that specialty from the United States, the FRG and Sweden.

FIDEL CASTRO PRESENTS AWARDS TO ATHLETES

FL281331 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1100 GMT 28 Apr 79 FL

[Text] Chaired by Commander in Chief Fidel Castro, first secretary of the PCC Central Committee and president of the Councils of State and Ministers, a ceremony was held at the Hall of Receptions in Cubanacan to present the Sports Glory Flag to four teams that made outstanding contributions to Cuban sports in 1978. Fidel presented the high honor of the Union of Young Communists [UJC] National Bureau to the women volleyball and [men's] boxing, baseball and weight lifting national teams. Lucila (Urgellez), Teofilo Stevenson, Pedro Jose Rodriguez and Roberto Urrutia accepted the flag on behalf of their respective teams. Fidel presented certificates of recognition to the youth baseball, men's volleyball, judo and soccer national teams, which also had outstanding performances last year.

Chairing the award ceremony with the commander in chief were Commander of the Revolution Ramiro Valdes and Jose R. Machado Ventura, both members of the PCC Politburo. The key-note speaker was Luis Orlando Dominguez, member of the PCC Central Committee and first secretary of the UJC National Committee.

HART GIVES MAY DAY CONGRATULATIONS TO OUTSTANDING WORKERS

FL301859 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1832 GMT 30 Apr 79 FL

[Text] Armando Hart Davalos, member of the PCC Politburo and minister of culture, has met with leaders of the Central Organization of Cuban Workers, work heroes and heroines and workers who have made an outstanding contribution to the sugar harvest in Santiago de Cuba. Also present in the meeting were Jose Ramon Balaguer, member of the PCC Central Committee and first party secretary in the province; provincial party Second Secretary Angel (Alvarello); and Ricardo (Matiles), the highest union official in Santiago de Cuba.

During the fraternal meeting, the union representatives and heroes were congratulated on the occasion of May Day and were wished greater successes in future tasks. The labor leaders explained to Hart some of the activities being conducted by the trade union movement in Santiago de Cuba, as well as the successes achieved in honor of May Day, the International Day of Workers.

LEZCANO SENDS MAY DAY GREETINGS TO VEIGA

FL302328 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 2300 GMT 30 Apr 79 FL

[Text] Jorge Lezcano, national coordinator of the Committees for the Defense of the Revolution [CDR], has sent a message of greetings to Roberto Veiga, secretary general of the Central Organization of Cuban Workers, on the occasion of tomorrow's May Day commemoration.

After greeting all Cuban workers on behalf of the country's CDR members, Lezcano's message states that the commemoration of May Day has become the most important celebration in the life of the Cuban labor movement. Elsewhere, it adds that with fervent revolutionary awareness our workers are determined to make a reality of Commander in Chief Fidel Castro's appeal urging the fulfillment of the country's economic objectives. It further states that in that respect our workers are making every effort to transform Cuba into an exporting country, reducing imports to the very minimum through ingenuity, effort, savings and improved productivity, quality and efficiency.

GRANMA MAY DAY EDITORIAL PRAISES WORKERS

FL301258 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1100 GMT 30 Apr 79 FL

[Text] An editorial dedicated to the International Day of Workers published on the front page of today's issue of the newspaper GRANMA points out that our people and all the world's workers tomorrow will celebrate a beautiful tradition in the history of work--May Day.

The editorial emphasizes that Cuban workers, peasants, men and women know that work is the only formula to triumph in the battle that we consciously have undertaken to develop the country and build socialism. Our great army of workers is a fundamental factor in this battle. The basic and most important elements in this struggle against underdevelopment are precisely the creators of the material goods and services that the people consume. The human factor is the fundamental one in this historic struggle. On this great proletarian day, we greet the workers and peasants of the socialist community countries and all the workers of the great homeland of Lenin. On this day of the workers, we remember with deep respect the Cuban workers have fallen performing their internationalist duties and those who today are from their homeland and in our hearts.

UNIVERSITY CONDEMNS 1965 U.S. INTERVENTION

FL272237 Santo Domingo Domestic Service in Spanish 2200 GMT 27 Apr 79 FL

[Excerpt] The flag of the Autonomous University of Santo Domingo will be flown at half staff tomorrow by decision of the University Council to condemn the North American intervention of 28 April 1965. In a statement repudiating the North American intervention of 14 years ago, the council also decided to fly the university flag at half staff every year on 28 April.

For its part, the university rector's office issued a statement reaffirming, on behalf of the university community and Dominican people, the irrevocable struggle for the principles that inspired the heroes of the April revolution. The statement adds that this struggle must continue so as to strengthen our sovereignty and economic independence.

LEFTIST ANTI-U.S. DEMONSTRATIONS BANNED

PA282144 Madrid EFE in Spanish 2104 GMT 28 Apr 79 PA

[Text] Santo Domingo, 28 Apr (EFE)--The Dominican Government banned today demonstrations planned by leftist groups to commemorate the 14th anniversary of the end of U.S. intervention in this country.

The Interior Ministry and police ordered the suspension of marches that were to be held in front of the U.S. Embassy in Santo Domingo. However, they did allow the placing of floral wreaths at the tombs of Dominican heroes and at places where revolutionaries were killed in confrontations with the invaders.

On 28 April 1965, 4 days after the Dominican revolution had begun with the overthrow of the triumvirate headed by Donald Read Cabral, U.S. President Lyndon Johnson ordered the landing of 42,000 marines in the Dominican Republic. He justified this action by saying that he had done it "to preserve the lives of U.S. citizens."

Since yesterday, the police have deployed strong detachments around the U.S. Embassy, Consulate and Press and Information Office as well as at the homes of almost all embassy officials in this capital. A student group burned an American flag yesterday. However, the incident was not related to the invasion's anniversary but to a general strike called by teachers.

TWO LEFTIST ORGANIZATIONS REPORTEDLY UNITE

FL272246 Santo Domingo Domestic Service in Spanish 2200 GMT 27 Apr 79 FL

[Text] Two leftist organizations today announced they have united for the purpose of creating a single organization which would accelerate and consolidate the irreversible march toward the unity of Dominican Marxists-Leninists. The Red Faction of the 14 June Movement and the Proletarian Flag are the two revolutionary organizations that have decided to unite to create the conditions for the founding of a Dominican workers party.

The union of the two leftist organizations took place during the second national joint conference held on 22 April. A statement released during a press conference this morning says: The joint work we have done since more than 7 years ago has confirmed and raised the ideological identity of the Marxist-Leninist principles of the two organizations. The document points out that this situation has led to a high degree of unity and comradeship in revolutionary practices among our membership.

JAMAICA

MINING MINISTER CLARIFIES AGREEMENT WITH USSR

FL301448 Kingston DAILY GLEANER in English 26 Apr 79 p 1 FL

[Text] An error in the calculation of the value of the agreements between Jamaica and the Soviet Union for the sale of alumina was made known yesterday by Mining Minister Horace Clarke. He said it was an error on his part to use the free-on-board (FOB) basis for the calculation, as the U.S.S.R. does not buy alumina F.O.B.

It was reinforced in Moscow that Jamaica would be responsible to deliver the alumina to Soviet ports, he said. Against this background, Mr Clarke set out in a detailed statement the significance of the agreements for the Jamaican economy.

One of the primary purposes of the recent mission to Moscow, he said, was to secure new, additional alumina sales for the expansion of the local industry. There were two achievements in this area. Firstly, there were the short-term agreements covering the years 1980-83. Secondly, there was the long-term agreement effective from 1984 onward.

Mr. Clarke pointed out that the U.S.S.R. acquires its alumina through a fixed portion on a long-term contract basis and the rest, which varies annually, by spot-market purchase. Jamaica has now received a protion of the Soviet Union's fixed long-term purchases, but will also continue to be eligible, through the alumina companies, for spot-market purchases through the U.S.S.R.'s brokers.

"Therefore, the agreements we have now reached represent important additions to our overall marketing of alumina and also allow us to revive plans for the vital state-owned alumina plant in South Manchester," the statement said. The full text of Mr. Clarke's statement will be published shortly.

MEXICO

NEWSMAN CHARGES CUBA SPYING ON MEXICO FOR USSR

PA291913 Paris AFP in Spanish 1737 GMT 29 Apr 79 PA

[Text] Mexico City, 29 Apr (AFP)--Mexican newsman Alfredo Kawage Ramia today charged in the (center-right) newspaper NOVEDADES that Cuba has been spying on Mexico on behalf of the USSR for more than 1 and 1/2 years. According to NOVEDADES, the Cuban Embassy here operates a radio station which intercepts the messages sent from the Mexican presidency to the Defense Ministry.

In an extensive report, Kawage claimed that the Mexican Government discovered the espionage system and that it will soon issue an official document giving the details. According to Kawage, the station is headed by Lazaro Espinosa Bonet, whom he described as an expert spy who has reportedly operated in Europe and the United States.

The Cubans are doing the work for the Soviet Union because Espinosa Bonet is reportedly a member of the Soviet espionage apparatus, Kawage charged. He also stated that 10 of the 27 diplomatic officials at the Cuban Embassy who are accredited to the Mexican Government are members of the Cuban intelligence services.

Kawage is a well-known newsman in Mexico with a reputation for generally being well informed. He was director of an aggressive newspaper which is no longer published and which had problems with the Mexican Government.

BRIEFS

URANIUM RESERVERS--According to Luis Erlich, an official of the decentralized uranium firm,mmore than half of Mexico is likely to contain uranium. The official said that reserves total 300,000 tons including proven, probable and potential reserves located in Chihuahua, Sonora, Torreon andReynosa. [Mexico City International Service in Spanish 0030 GMT 1 May 79 PA]

NEW AMBASSADOR TO SPAIN--Mexico City, 27 Apr (AFP)--It was reported here today that in a special Cabinet meeting the Spanish Government approved the appointment of Francisco Alcala Quintero as new Mexican ambassador to Spain. [Paris AFP in Spanish 0304 GMT 28 Apr 79 PA]

VENEZUELA

COPEI DENIES PACTS WITH AD, EXTREME LEFT

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[Excerpts] There is no secret or concealed agreement with the Democratic Action [AD] Party or with the extreme left, Social Christian Party [COPEI] Secretary General Pedro Pablo Aguilar said in reply to statements made by Deputy David Morales Bello regarding the investigation by deputies of the purchase of two frigates and a presidential airplane.

Aguilar appealed to the country's democratic institutions to maintain a lofty attitude at the present political moment "in order to abide by the juridical order and to respect the rules of the game."

Referring to statements made by Morales Bello, the COPEI secretary general said:

"COPEI emphatically rejects the malicious statements made by Deputy Morales Bello and appeals to the AD to act in a responsible manner in order to stop the apparent effort to involve the armed forces in political disputes. We cannot understand Morales Bello's attempt to revive rumors of an alleged pact between COPEI and the extreme left.

"It would not be advisable to leave unanswered questions and doubts that would help the enemies of democracy discredit the armed forces. Within the COPEI and the administration we are absolutely sure that the armed forces will emerge from the investigation untarnished as President Herrera Campins has stated. The results of the investigations will not be detrimental to the armed forces but, on the contrary, will serve to reassert the respect and appreciation felt by all Venezuelans.

13 MORE REFUGEES SEEK ASYLUM IN MANAGUA

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[Text] Caracas, 27 Apr (AFP)--The Foreign Ministry announced here today that 13 Nicaraguans have sought asylum at the Venezuelan Embassy in Managua. The new refugees are in addition to five other youths who sought asylum yesterday. Eight of the new refugees are relatives of Sergio Prado, the director of several radio programs that oppose President Anastasio Somoza's regime. It has been learned that the Foreign Ministry has given instructions to request safe-conducts from the Nicaraguan Government.